



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For:

DIGITAL BROADCAST RECEIVING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 3, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, and 5-9 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reitmeier (U.S. Patent No. 6,118,498) in view of Shadwell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,542,203; hereinafter Shadwell), and rejects claims 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reitmeier in view of Shadwell, and further in view of Kanemitsu (U.S. Patent No. 6,928,262). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 9, Applicant respectfully asserts that Reitmeier and Shadwell, taken individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a digital broadcast receiving apparatus including at least a tuner that scans carrier frequencies of the digital broadcast signal to receive a coded digital broadcast signal at a first carrier frequency, an extraction unit for extracting service information of channels from the decoded digital broadcast signal at the first carrier frequency, in which after a memory stores the